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1. In reply to our query concerning Subject, ZIPPER states that they first came into contact with him in December 1948 when ZIMMER was living at 26 Mozartstrasse in Erlangen. This contact was through Baron Luigi PARILLI, special envoy of the Sovereign Order of Malta who was acquainted with him from the time of the surrender of the German armed forces in Italy when ZIMMER acted as intermediary between DULLES and PARILLI. On his first visit to Germany after the end of the war PARILLI re-established contact with ZIMMER, made him his private secretary for matters pertaining to the Sovereign Order of Malta and placed considerable sums of money at his disposal. In January 1949 when negotiations were under way for a working agreement between ZIPPER and the Sovereign Order of Malta, PARILLI received from ZIPPER a Temporary Travel Document for ZIMMER which was to be used in connection with the planned working arrangement; it developed, however, that this agreement never materialized. ZIMMER's limited relationship with ZIPPER ended when the latter terminated its contact with PARILLI. ZIMMER was registered at the "Vier Jahreszeiten" and "Sonnenhof" hotels in Munich during 1949 and 1950; however, he actually spent very little time there.

2. Concerning ZIMMER's earlier activities ZIPPER furnished the following information:

ZIMMER worked as a case officer in Rome in 1941 under KAPPLER, (fnu), (presumably military attache). However, he was transferred as a result of an embarrassing incident involving the American military attache. It seems that ZIMMER received a report from the American attache concerning a railroad attendant who at one time had served Mussolini. In the absence of KAPPLER the report found its way to von BISMARCK, (fnu), embassy counselor, who communicated the contents to the Italians. This action led to a clash between von BISMARCK and ZIMMER which was aggravated somewhat by the fact that the Italians were eager to learn the source of the report. Following this incident ZIMMER was recalled to Germany and assigned to the RSHA Amt VI/B (Italian desk), doing evaluation work under Dr. HOETTL, (fnu), who was in charge of that office from 1942 to 1944. ZIMMER was believed to have been involved constantly in double dealings. While involved in the WOLFF-DULLES negotiations in Switzerland at the close of the war he made numerous trips to

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Switzerland on a Spanish passport. DULLES had a Czech radio operator stationed in ZIMMER's home in Milan and ZIMMER also maintained contact with certain Italians who were collaborating in the negotiations. Having been well informed in advance of the impending surrender, he was in Switzerland at the time of the armistice on the Italian front. Finally in the summer of 1945 he returned to Milan wearing an American uniform; at this time he stated that he intended to go to North Africa. After that he disappeared for a time. It is said that at the time of his extensive double dealings he always had access to huge sums of money. It is not clear if and/or to what extent the HOETTL-ZIMMER relationship continued after HOETTL left the Italian desk to take over the VI/E group in Vienna and later in Budapest, nor, if NEUNTEUFEL, (fnu), who was brought to Hungary from Milan or Genoa by HOETTL in the summer of 1944, had ever been in contact with ZIMMER.

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